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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents that are not U.S. patent documents are also enclosed.

The documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated March 3, 2008, during the prosecution of the counterpart Japanese patent application. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed.

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement, or else is submitted as an English-language counterpart.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 04-319734 the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English-language abstract and to the cited counterpart U.S. Patent 5,285,528.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 2002-123813, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English-language abstract.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 2002-504244 the Examiner is referred to the cited counterpart International Patent Appln. Pub. No. 96/15501, a copy of which is also enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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